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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Judith E. Minkle, et al.  
Serial No.: 09/681,415  
Filed: September 15, 2000  
For: ASSAYS FOR MODULATORS OF PROLYL-4-HYDROXYLASE  
Group Art Unit: 1632  
Examiner: R. Shukla

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the September 25, 2002 Office Action in the above-identified case, Applicants request that the following remarks and amendments be entered.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 11, 11, 13, 14, 15 and 20.

1. Amended. A method for evaluating a test compound's ability to modulate prolyl-4-hydroxylase activity, comprising the steps of:

(a) introducing a test compound into a test animal; *Chondrostoma leucium*, a 14H-anti-modified *Chondrostoma leucium* elasmone, or a wild-type *Chondrostoma leucium*, wherein the test animal is a *Chondrostoma leucium*